GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:190
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2002
HANDLING OF FOODGRAINS BY PRIVATE AGENCIES
BASUDEB ACHARIA;YEMPARALA VENKATESWARA RAO

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to offer the post harvest handling and transportation of foodgrains to the private companies;

(b) if so, whether any decision has been taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there will be any adverse impact on employment in Food Corporation of India; and

(e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),d)&(e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.190 DUE FOR ANSWE 26-07-2002 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): The National Policy on Handling, Storage and Transportation offoodgrains already approved by the Government provides for harnessing the efforts and resources of public and private sectors, both domestic and foreign, to build and operate infrastructure for bulk handling, storage and transportation of foodgrains in the country.

Under the said Policy, it is proposed to construct silos at different locations in Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal at present. The total capacity of these silos would be 21 lakh tonnes. The construction of these silos is not likely to affect employment in the Food Corporation of India.